Today, the U.S. Treasury Department <u>announced</u> that the budget deficit from October to February is at \$162.2 billion, which is about 25 percent less than last year.

While that news is encouraging, it's important to note that the February budget deficit reached an all-time high of \$120 billion. While millions of Americans balance their checkbooks each month, the federal government can't seem to stop running up the tab. That is why I am a strong supporter of the Balanced Budget Amendment. We need to learn to spend within our means. After all, it is our children who will be saddled with this debt. And that is a bill that they shouldn't have to pay.